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An apology is perhaps due to the public,
as well as to Mr. CHARLES L. FLANAGAN,
from this journal for not having more
promptly noticed the severance, on Satur-
day, the 15th of December, of the editorial
relations of that gentleman with the Na-
tional Republican.

The Chicago Tribune seems to think that
it will strengthen the public credit to re-
fuse or neglect to pay the honest debts due
from the Government to its people. This
may be commercial honesty according to
Chicago ethics, but it will never please the
mass of the people of the United States.

The New York Herald goes into ecstasies
over the fact that on Christmas eve the
Norwalk (Conn.) Iron Works Company
paid all its employees in gold. Why, if this
is an act of such high commendation, does
not the company do the same thing on each
pay day? The employees would, no doubt,
have been just as happy with the silver
dollars of their daddies.

It is stated that the six companies of in-
fantry with which Gen. GIBBONS attacked
the New Percees had only one hundred and
thirty-three men, rank and file. This pre-
ponderance of force, no doubt, led to the
effort on the part of the Democrats to re-
duce the army of 22,304 men, which these
six companies represented, to 10,000. These
Democrats seem to have the defense of the
nation very deeply at heart.

On Christmas morning we attempted to
work off some matter which had been ac-
cumulating on galley in the composing-
room for several weeks, and in doing so a
paragraph relating to Hon. J. B. RANCHOT
DAVIS and Hon. KENNETH RAYMOND as can-
didates for Judge LORING's place on the
bench of Court of Claims, which, under the
statute of limitation, should have been re-
tired, was inserted. This fact has caused
unusual excitement in certain quarters, and
we hasten to make this explanation.

TWO ROADS are open to the Republican
party. One leads to the President's constitu-
tional party of national reconciliation and civil-
service reform. The other leads to death.—
Memphis Avalanche.

When the Republican party desires to
find the road by which it is to travel in the
future it will not engage the services of any
Democrat to put up a guide-board for it. It
has never known but one path to travel,
and that has been lighted by one Constitu-
tion, one Union, and one flag. The Demo-
crats may direct the Administration, but
they will not be permitted to point out the
road by which the Republican party is to
travel. Their ways are not its ways.

AMONG the most absurd propositions
that have recently attracted the attention
of this Government is that which relates
to taking measures for the recovery from
the Bank of England of balances remaining
to the credit of the Southern Confederacy at
the time of its collapse. This is a cunningly
devised trap that has been invented for the
purpose of betraying this Government into
some sort of recognition of the Confederacy
that will commit it by way of precedent, so
that it can be held responsible for its conse-
quences. Most assuredly if we put ourselves
in a position to collect moneys due the Con-
federacy, we cannot consistently decline to
pay its indebtedness. We are of opinion
that this Government has sufficiently com-
mitted itself to the Confederacy when we
honor its warriors and statesmen with
places in the administration of its affairs,
without becoming the executor of its estate
in England or elsewhere. Thus under the
encouragement which comes of preferring a
Confederate to a Union soldier in filling the
places in the Government, those who failed
to overthrow it are making gradual ap-
proaches to its capture.

Tramps and Wealth.

The Hon. MONTGOMERY BLAIR presided
over a charity convention in Baltimore last
week, and in addressing the body took oc-
casion to advance a theory by which to
account for such an accumulation of tramps
as appears in the United States. He holds
that this condition of things comes of the
fact that there has been an enormous
accumulation of wealth in the hands of the
few. "JOHN JACOB ASTOR," he remarked,
"was in former years the wealthiest man in
the country, and yet was not worth half a
million in 1830; while now there are hun-
dreds of millions, whose incomes are mil-
lions, and even tens of millions." He com-
putes VAN DERBILT's income as equal to the
earnings of thirty thousand workmen, and
that of FLOOD and O'BRIEN
at \$20,000,000 (20), which is equal
to the earnings of sixty thousand
laborers. Three hundred such incomes,
he goes on to say, would absorb the earn-
ings of 18,000,000 laborers. "It is certainly
a startling condition of things," he adds,
"that at least 1,200,000 able-bodied, intelli-
gent, and energetic men have been suddenly
left without employment, to wander
through a country abounding in natural
wealth, and capable of supporting ten times
its present population, while all its wealth
is accumulated in comparatively few
hands." By a little study Mr. BLAIR will
discover that this world has always been
full of inequalities, and no doubt always
will be. The logic of this exposition is, if
it has any logic, that the wealthy men of
the country have too much, and the tramps
not enough of this world's goods. To re-

form this condition of things it will be
necessary to level down the millionaires,
or level up the tramps. Which shall it be,
or how shall it be done?

A Sad Tale.

Nearly fifty years ago HARLOW CASE was
assistant postmaster of the city of Buffalo,
and subsequently removed to the city of
Sandusky, Ohio, where he was appointed
collector of customs. His deputy was Mr. AS-
SON FRANCIS, who was possessed of a young
and handsome wife. In 1833 CASE seduced
Mrs. FRANCIS from her husband, stole
\$20,000 of the funds of the Government, and
fled, taking with him Mrs. FRANCIS and a
young daughter. The story of the fugi-
tives, whose very existence had almost un-
iversally been forgotten during the quarter
of a century since their flight, has at last
been made public for the first time. They
went to London, where, by helping a needy
but ingenious inventor, CASE made some
\$300,000. Then, with Mrs. FRANCIS and her
daughter, he went to Madeira, the Mauri-
tius, and finally to Ceylon, where he settled,
living in splendid style. There Mrs. FRANCIS
died, a victim to remorse, and CASE, ac-
cording to return to England, fled sick at
Suez. He sent the girl on to London with
friends, and wrote to FRANCIS a long letter
in cipher, detailing all the facts, and in-
cluding him money to go to Egypt. This money
FRANCIS lost by the failure of a bank, the
had spent all his own in a vain pursuit of
the fugitives, so he could not comply with
the dying man's wish. CASE, dying, ar-
ranged to reimburse the Treasury in full,
with interest, and settled money on Mr.
FRANCIS, in part payment of his offense.
The girl married a rich man, and is living
on the Ceylon estate.

More Reform.

During the war Col. PRIDE, of New
York, was on Gen. GRANT's staff, and was a
brave and gallant officer. At the close of
the war Gen. GRANT secured for him the
stamp agency for New York City at a
salary of \$3,000 per year, which he con-
tinued to hold and all acceptably until
after Postmaster-General KEY entered upon
his duties. Then Col. PRIDE felt perfectly
secure of retention under the assurance that
no removals were to be made, except for
cause, and went on his way rejoicing. But
he soon was taught that this assurance was
"for man's delusion given." Soon after the
Democratic Postmaster-General entered upon
his duties, Col. PRIDE was visited by one of
his ex-rebel officers who announced himself,
and then, after taking a survey of the premises, quietly
seated himself and addressed the colonel
something after this manner: "I believe
that you served during the war in the
F-e-d-e-r-a-l-A-r-m-y." "Yes, sir,"
was Col. PRIDE's reply. "Well, I, sir, went
with my State (Tennessee), and served
through the war on the Confederate side." He
then produced his commission and evi-
dence of appointment as Col. PRIDE's suc-
cessor, and bowed him out of a position
from which he had been summarily re-
moved without cause. We score this in-
stance of civil-service reform to the account
of the Administration.

The Leaven at Work.

The world moves though governments
and administrations may stand still and
even attempt to educate themselves into the
belief that all the rest of mankind are in
sympathy with their inaction. But public
sentiment, like the bosom of the ocean, is
never quiet. It never sleeps, but constantly
heaves with its gentle swell or fierce, dash-
ing billow, just as peace or turbulence un-
der the rule of reason or passion passes over
its surface. It is never perfectly still. We
have no doubt that President HAYES, since
he entered upon the high purpose of admin-
istering this Government, independent of
the party and its leaders who elected him,
has been led by the coterie of flatterers and
demagogues who revolve around the seat of
power to honestly believe that he has the
sanction of the great majority of American
people in his single-handed and some-
what exclusive system of administering
public affairs—but never was mortal man
more mistaken. He has been told by two
classes that the public are in sympathy
with his policies and his acts, and he has
come honestly to believe the truth of this
flattering story. The classes who have
undertaken to deceive and delude the Pres-
ident are the selfish, narrow-minded, evil-
disposed, and syphantic hangers-on to the
horns of the Government from the Repub-
lican party, who seek their own or the ag-
grandizement of their friends to the ex-
clusion of all others, and the more wily,
treacherous and designing of the Demo-
cratic party, whose highest ambition it is to
divide, disintegrate and demoralize the Re-
publican party through the agency of
Presidential action, and thus render its
overthrow an absolute certainty. These are
the influences that surround the foot-stool
of the Administration, and shape its policy
and measures.

Believing in the honesty of purpose of the
President, and trusting him in the midst of
doubt, the Republican party has waited pa-
tiently for the earlier fruits of his policy to
be developed that they might not be bet-
rayed into a hasty and unjust judgment as
to his administration. This silence and
quiet on the part of the Republican party
has been construed into peaceful submission
to and approval of the President and his
measures. No doubt he has been told so
until he believes that all is sunshine
throughout the land. He has mistaken the
quiet of public opinion for the popular con-
viction that the President is immaculate
and can do no wrong.

He is soon to be undeceived in all this.
The sea is being troubled and public senti-
ment begins to put on action. The stillness
of the scene is being broken by the mutter-
ings of an approaching storm. The people
begin to awake to a realizing sense of the
danger that threatens the country when a
Republican administration is shaped
and moulded by Democratic influences
and agencies, and as they become
alive to these dangers, the storm
will gather blackness, and strength,
and power, until its dark clouds will over-
whelm the President and force him to turn
back in his devious course, or sweep him on
irretrievably under the gravitation of his own
measures and policy, until he becomes part
and parcel of the Democratic party. He
can stand still no longer. He must either
recede or go forward. Which will he do?
The signs of the times cannot be mistaken.

After nine months of waiting in patience
for the developments of the Administration
to test its Republicanism, the Republican
party begins to manifest its dissatisfaction
with the fruits it presents. It is not what
was expected or promised in the bare fact
that the Republicans, after much sacrifice
and effort, elected a President. They had a
right to expect a Republican Adminis-
tration pure and simple, for this was
what they labored for, fought for, and
were entitled to; but it is not what has
been attained, and the Republicans
throughout the nation are rapidly
realizing their deep disappointment at find-
ing the Government under the control of a
mixed Cabinet, that seeks neither Repub-
lican advice nor co-operation in its conduct.
Senator BLAINE and Gen. BUTLER have
both spoken recently, and each in about the
same strain. Both substantially express
the belief that the President's experiment
of running a Republican administration with
a mixed Cabinet, and under Demo-
cratic advice, is not an eminent success;
and predict that he will soon have to elect
with which of the two great parties he will
go. In this they only echo the sentiment
of nine-tenths of all the Republicans in the
United States, as the President would un-
derstand very distinctly if the people had
an opportunity to give public expression to
it. They begin to feel that they have had
quite enough of a Democratic-Republican
administration in place of that which they
supported they had elected to power.

The Horrors of War.

The New York World publishes the fol-
lowing, and pronounces it "a horrible story."
After the battle of Chickamauga, in 1863,
Gen. GRANT was promoted to the command of
the armies of the United States and called to
Washington. In a conference at the War
Office between him, President LINCOLN, and
Secretary STANTON, the approaching campaign
in Virginia was discussed. GRANT said the
advances on Richmond should be made by the
James River. It was replied that the Govern-
ment required the interposition of an army
between the James and Washington, and would
not consent at that late day to the adoption of a
plan that would be taken by the public as a
confession of previous error. GRANT observed
he was indifferent as to routes, but if the Gov-
ernment preferred its own—sooner tried. The
one he suggested, it must be prepared for the
additional loss of 100,000 men. The men
were promised, GRANT accepted the Govern-
mental plan of campaign, and was supported
to the end.

After McCLELLAN, the military and civil
idol of the World, had wasted the finest
army that ever trod the soil of America in a
fruitless attempt to capture Richmond, that duty
was assigned to Gen. GRANT, and how suc-
cessfully it was performed, history has long
since chronicled. The World, even at this
late day, stands appalled at the loss of human
life involved on the part of the Union army
in the capture of Richmond, and the crushing
out of the rebellion. Unless our
memory is greatly at fault, the World, dur-
ing the continuous battle through the
Wilderness as Gen. GRANT pressed
upon the foe, was constantly assailing
and denouncing him as a butcher
of men because he had determined to
"fight it out on this line if it took all sum-
mer," and end the rebellion in that vigorous
campaign. He performed his work and
saved the nation, and how the World weeps
bitter tears over the result. One thing is
noticeable in this connection: If the World
ever contained a word of censure even for
the rebellion, which made a great sacrifice
of human life necessary to save the Union,
it is gone. GRANT is working con-
stantly for the success of the Lake Erie Nar-
row-Gauge Railroad in Allegheny.

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Day, was caused by several admirers. The in-
strument was of ebony, with a gold head,
on which was inscribed the name of the
donor.

STAGE MANAGER CO. of the London Hay-
market Theatre, obtained a verdict of \$500
against Sothen, the actor, agent, agent, agent,
for damages done by a charge of selling prop-
erties in the company. Sothen appealed, and
the verdict has now been confirmed.

This condition to which theatrical business
has come for the poor class of performers in
New York may be judged from the case of a
young man named A. H. Forrest, who one day
last week pawned a pair of silk socks for three-
teen cents, so as to be enabled to cross the
Brooklyn ferry.

A young actress, young American lady re-
cently married a Frenchman with a title.
After getting all her money away from her
husband, she is now supporting herself by
keeping a laundry in London, and is employ-
ing between seventy and eighty women.

In order to marry his cousin, Mercedes,
the young King of Spain, must first obtain the
consent of his mother, then of the Council of
State of Spain, then of the Duke and Duchess
of Montpensier, then last of all, get a special
dispense from the Pope for the marriage of
cousins.

Agrees de Biarritz, he keeps wonderful
hours, and makes his household do the same.
His after-dinner chat with his visitors ends
at midnight, and he goes to bed, when he is
entertained by the ladies till one or
half-past one, when tea appears, and the mas-
ter of the house sometimes puts in a reap-
pearance and resumes talk for an hour or more.

GEORGE A. DARLING, Esq., of South Caro-
lina, who has recently been filling a position
in the Sixth Auditor's office, has been ap-
pointed deputy collector of customs at Char-
leston, South Carolina, and will be in the
Department very probably by Charles P.
Pelham, a talented young lawyer of that
State, whose appointment we are assured,
would be gratifying to South Carolina Repub-
licans generally.

A Kissing Dog. A fine game was kept on the
second floor of Cleveland's house, in South Street,
but the place was closed, and on the stairs
leading to the upper floor was placed the sign:
"No game." Yesterday Dr. Con's educated
punter was in the saloon smoking and chat-
ting, and he started Christmas night, 1877, at a
way up he saw the sign, and at once came
down, evidently considering it useless to pur-
sue his researches further in that direction.—
Virginia City Enterprise.

CHARLES E. COURTNEY, the champion car-
man of America, the winner of seventy-five
"miles," who has made the fastest three
miles in a single start, recently on record, issued
a challenge to row a single-mile race for
\$10,000 and the championship of the world.
Edward Titchell, of Sydney, Australia, who
last year defeated Butler, the champion of the
world, on the Thames, has accepted Courtney's
challenge.

The New York Bible Society proposes to
save \$45,000 per annum by having its printing
done by contract. The announcement of this
intention has created a feeling of intense dis-
gust among the employees of the society, who
claim that the "union" when the new ar-
rangement goes into effect.

"BUT HE IS HONEST." What "Ben." thinks about the Republi-
canism of the President, and His Method of
Exemplifying It.

Editor National Republican:
Ben. I have heard and read so often the remark,
"Hayes is mistaken, but he is honest," that I want
to know what does this remark mean? Does it
mean that he is a man of convictions, but that his
convictions are always wrong? Does it mean that
he is a man of strong will, but that his will is
usually exercised in the wrong cause? Does it
mean that he is a man of great thought, but that
he always thinks in the wrong direction? Does it
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mity is not desired? Does it mean that he is a
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